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SUBJECT: SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONE

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1. NEW ZEALAND DCM ATKINS CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GLEYSTEN JUNE 19 TO KEEP USG INFORMED OF PROGRESS OF NEW ZEALAND'S SPNFZ PROPOSAL. ATKINS SAID PRIME MINISTER ROWLING PROPOSES TO SPEAK AT SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM MEETING IN JULY, AND THAT NEW ZEALAND HOPES TO SECURE GENERAL ENDORSEMENT FOR SPNFZ CONCEPT AT THAT MEETING TO PREPARE GROUND FOR UNGA RESOLUTION.

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2. NEW ZEALAND WILL PROPOSE THAT FOLLOWING LANGUAGE BE IN-

CLUDED IN COMMUNIQUE OF SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM MEETING:

QUOTE: THE SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THE REGION FREE FROM THE RISK OF INVOLVEMENT IN NUCLEAR CONFLICT AND COMMENDED THE IDEA OF ESTABLISHING A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC AS A MEANS OF ACHIEVING THAT AIM. THE FORUM AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR WIDER ENDORSEMENT OF THE IDEA TO BE SOUGHT THROUGH ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND FOR A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF

ESTABLISHING SUCH A ZONE TO BE UNDERTAKEN. UNQUOTE.

3. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION GLEYSTEN REVIEWED DIFFICULTIES WHICH A NEW ZEALAND SPNFZ PROPOSAL COULD CAUSE USG. ATKINS ASSURED GLEYSTEN THAT GONZ INTENDS TO KEEP USG INFORMED ON THIS SUBJECT AND WILL TRY TO AVOID PUTTING US IN DIFFICULT POSITION. ATKINS SAID NEW ZEALAND WOULD CONSULT WITH US ON PRECISE TEXT OF UNGA RESOLUTION.

4. MEMCON FOLLOWS. KISSINGER

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